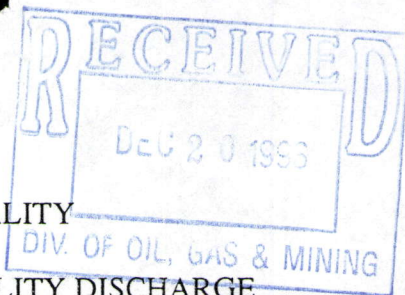


December 18, 1996

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE GROUND WATER QUALITY DISCHARGE  
PERMIT NO. UGW370005

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO DECLARE THE STATE OF UTAH'S INTENTION TO ISSUE A GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE UTAH WATER QUALITY ACT, SECTION 19-5-115 AND R317-6 UTAH CODE ANNOTATED 1953, AS AMENDED.

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: SUMMO USA CORPOATION

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FACILITY LOCATION: LISBON VALLEY, SAN JUAN COUNTY

Summo USA Corporation proposes to operate an open pit copper mining project in Lisbon Valley, San Juan County, Utah. The proposed facilities include a 266 acre heap leach pad, associated process and storm water ponds and a electrowinning/solvent extraction plant. Mined ore is placed on the heap leach pad and dilute sulfuric acid solution is applied to the rock to dissolve the copper into solution. Within the plant the copper is extracted from the solution and the solution is reused for further leaching. The permit requires the operator to utilize best available technology in the construction of the proposed facilities. It also provides for the monitoring of ground water and requires the operator to monitor the performance of the liners beneath the pad and ponds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to **January 16, 1997**. Comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870. All comments received prior to **January 16, 1997** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. A public hearing may be held if written requests are received within the first 15 days of this public comment period that demonstrate significant public interest and substantive issues exist to warrant holding a hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (801) 538-6146 or by writing the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review at the Division of Water Quality.